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Conservatives victors in Canada

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TORONTO — Brian Mulroney led Canada's Progressive Conservative Party to a landslide victory over Liberal Prime Minister John Turner in yesterday's elections, giving them a parliamentary majority for the first time in 26 years.

Mulroney won election to the Parliament easily in northeastern Quebec, and his Conservative colleagues won or lead in more than 140 other districts, with votes still uncounted in the western provinces, where the Conservatives are traditionally strong.

In the four east coast provinces, the Conservatives defeated three incumbent Liberal Cabinet ministers and took 25 of the 32 seats, compared to only 13 in the 1980 election.

The Conservatives also made sweeping gains in Liberal strongholds in Ontario and Quebec, guaranteeing a majority of the 282 seats in Parliament for Prime Minister-elect Mulroney.

Both national television networks projected that the Conservatives would win close to 200 seats.

The Conservatives last won a similar sweep in 1958, under John Diefenbaker. The Liberals have

been in control for all but nine months of the past 21 years, including 15 years under Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

With the western provinces still to be heard from, the Conservatives were getting 52 percent of the national vote, to 34 percent for the Liberals and 12 percent for the New Democrats, Canada's socialist party.

Mulroney, who promised to revive the Canadian economy and improve relations with the United States, cast his ballot at the school he attended in the isolated papermill town of Baie Comeau, Quebec.

"It's a very beautiful day for voting, a superb day," said Mulroney, a 45-year-old electrician's son who later became president of a large mining company.

"I want you to know that I went to this school," he said several times to different people as he went in to vote. "And you are looking at a model student."

Turner, who has been in office only since June 30, when Trudeau stepped down, watched the results in the west coast city of Vancouver where he was a candidate for Parliament in a suburban district. His aides said he would not comment on the results until the vote from that



Canadian Conservative Party leader Brian Mulroney has a moment of triumph during a speech in Baie Comeau before the election.

state news briefs

State holiday deaths rise to 8

HARRISBURG (AP) — The holiday death toll on Pennsylvania highways climbed to eight when two cars collided during a thunderstorm in central Pennsylvania.

Paul Ready, 34, of Lemont, Centre County, and Donald Hartzell, 33, of Shamokin, Northumberland County, were killed Monday when their car was struck along Pennsylvania 322 outside State College, state police said.

The other driver, Jean McGlynn, 28, of Tyrone, Blair County, was in critical condition late in the afternoon.

Police said the woman lost control of her car as a thunderstorm moved through Centre County late in the afternoon.

Traffic accidents claimed the lives of six other people in the state during the Labor Day weekend.

More counties join teacher strike

Teachers in Lawrence and Berks counties yesterday joined other union members on strike in Allegheny County, raising to 7,350 the number of Pa. students barred from classes by labor disputes.

"It looks like it's going to be a very long and bitter strike. Their negotiators have taken a position of take it or leave it," Vince Scialabba, president of the striking New Castle Federation of Teachers, said after negotiation ended after two hours Monday.

New Castle's 275 teachers Friday rejected proposed raises of \$5,100 over three years. They wanted up to \$8,000 over three years.

Union negotiators "came down from that position considerably" but district negotiators "wouldn't move," Scialabba said.

Classes for the district's 4,500 students were to begin today.

Meanwhile, no further negotiations were scheduled in the Tulpehocken School District in Berks County, where 92 teachers refused to work yesterday, postponing the first day of classes for 1,650 students.

nation news briefs

Housing increasingly less affordable

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing became less affordable for the typical American family for the third straight month in July, the National Association of Realtors said yesterday.

Each month the association calculates how large a mortgage loan a family at the median income would qualify for, and then compares that figure with the cost of a median-priced home. The result is called the affordability index.

In July, the index stood at 83.3, down by 2.3 points. That meant a typical family earning \$25,583 had just 83.3 percent of the income necessary to qualify for an 80 percent mortgage on a home with a \$74,700 price tag, the median.

The realtors said more than 33 percent of the homes sold in July went for prices below \$60,000.

\$40 million ticket seller wins too

CHICAGO (AP) — Donald Pollak was afraid something had happened to his family when his name was announced over the public address system during a Chicago White Sox baseball game.

But when he called home, he learned his drug store had the good fortune to sell the Lotto ticket that won Saturday's \$40 million drawing — meaning he will pocket a \$400,000 bonus.

"I couldn't believe it," said Pollak, 50, of suburban Glenview. "Tears came to my eyes."

"My wife said 'You better come home because people have been calling all day,'" he told reporters.

The winning ticket was bought at Pollak's Blatt Drugs on the Northwest Side during last Thursday's lunch hour by Frank Wittkowski for his son Michael, 28, a printer. The younger Wittkowski was on vacation in Wisconsin last week but told his father to buy some tickets and give him the numbers to play.

Wittkowski, who beat 3.5 million-to-one odds, will collect the biggest lottery prize in history at a rate of \$2 million a year for 20 years.

Pollak will get his \$400,000 in one check in about six weeks, lottery officials have assured him.

world news briefs

Chernenko to appear in public

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet leader Konstantin U. Chernenko — not seen in public for nearly two months and rumored to be ailing — is expected to publicly present awards to three Soviet cosmonauts today, according to Soviet journalist Viktor Louis.

A bylined story by Louis appeared yesterday in the Standard of London saying Chernenko was expected to present medals to the cosmonauts. Telephoned at his home in Moscow, Louis told The Associated Press that Chernenko "is expected" to make the presentations.

It would be Chernenko's first appearance in public since he met U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on July 13. Two days later, the official news agency Tass reported Chernenko had left the capital for his summer vacation.

Louis, who is considered to have close ties with official Soviet circles, would say only that an awards ceremony for three cosmonauts of a July space mission was scheduled and that Chernenko was expected to be there.

No information has been issued publicly by the Soviets about an awards ceremony.

Afghan resistance claims bombings

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Afghan resistance sources yesterday claimed they followed up the bombing of Kabul's international airport by bombing three hotels and a movie theater in the Afghan capital.

The sources, based in Pakistan, had no information on damage or casualties from the four other blasts they said were set off to demonstrate the Kabul regime's "weak control" of the city.

In New Delhi, Western diplomats reported Tuesday that hundreds of people have been killed in a new round of heavy fighting between guerrillas and Soviet and Afghan forces. Two Western embassies in Kabul reported that at least 100 Soviet soldiers had been killed in a guerrilla ambush last week.

The blast at Kabul airport on Friday killed at least 30 people and injured "several hundred," according to reports from Western diplomats in Islamabad and New Delhi, and others.

Reports from two Western embassies in Kabul said at least 100 Soviet troops were killed last week in a guerrilla ambush on a Soviet outpost south of the Salang Pass on the main highway to the Soviet Union.

Dali remains in serious condition

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Surrealist painter Salvador Dali, hospitalized for burns covering 18 percent of his body, remains in serious condition, doctors said Tuesday.

The 80-year-old Dali was taken to El Pilar clinic Friday, one day after a fire broke out in his bedroom at his home, Pubol Castle, in northeastern Spain. Friends attributed the fire to an electrical short-circuit.

The painter had at first refused to leave the castle, where his Russian-born wife Gala is buried.

Dali's doctors said the artist is also being treated for malnutrition.

He has a respiratory condition and has been in frail health in recent years.

Soviet Union blamed for postponed visit

By SUSAN J. SMITH
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BONN, West Germany — East German leader Erich Honecker yesterday called off plans for an unprecedented visit to West Germany, and high-ranking Bonn officials said Soviet pressure caused Honecker to postpone the trip.

Both Bonn and East Berlin look to indicate the visit was an indefinite postponement rather than cancellation. No East German president has visited West Germany since Germany was divided into two states following World War II.

The West German government avoided publicly linking Moscow to the postponement, but officials privately said there was no question that Soviet disapproval was the main reason.

Moscow in recent months has conducted a blistering media campaign against West Germany, claiming a militaristic Bonn wants to "liquidate" and "undermine" its Communist East German neighbor.

"Of course that (Soviet pressure) is the main reason," one high-ranking Bonn source told The Associated Press. "The other reasons given are just excuses."

The East Germans have worked with us for months to plan the details of the visit," said the source, who spoke on condition he not be identified.

East Germany, a hard-line member of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact, is a staunch Kremlin ally and has always followed Moscow's direction on foreign policy. The warming of relations between East and West Germany appears to have caused growing uneasiness in the Kremlin.

East Germany's announcement was a blow to the coalition government of Christian Democrats and parliamentarian Alfred Dregger, and "unworthy and detrimental" to Bonn, Dregger said.

ADN quoted Moldt as saying that remarks by some West Germans, especially top conservative parliamentarian Alfred Dregger, were "absolutely unusual for relations between two sovereign states."

However, Moldt also hinted that the trip might still be made at a later date. "Much is still open," ADN quoted him as saying.

Dregger, head of the Christian Democrats' parliamentary faction, told the Hamburg daily Die Welt Aug. 23 that West Germany's future "does not depend on whether Honecker pays us the honor of a visit."

Dregger issued a statement Tuesday saying the East German decision "comes as no surprise" but did not mention his controversial remark, which he previously described as "ironic."



Coal strike violence flares up on the picket line at Tilmansstone Colliery near Dover, England, yesterday, as working miners face the fury of their striking colleagues.

Typhoon Ike: At least 476 die, thousands injured, in raging Philippine storm

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MANILA, Philippines — Relief agencies said yesterday that Typhoon Ike killed at least 476 people in the southern Philippines, leaving 200,000 homeless, and President Ferdinand E. Marcos appealed for national unity in the face of the disaster.

One local official claimed as many as 3,000 people died in his province of Surigao del Norte along in the worst typhoon to hit the country in 12 years. But the official death toll for all affected areas, based on reports from relief agencies, stood at 476.

Published reports put at \$111 million the damage to crops and property as the typhoon swept over the Philippines on Sunday and Monday with 114 mph winds, and then blew itself over the South China Sea.

Appealing for national unity in a televised message, Marcos said, "All attention should be focused on the immediate task that must be carried out by the people of the injured and sick, the sheltering of the homeless."

"There is no room here for petty quarrels of whatever kind, whether political or otherwise," Marcos said.

The typhoon struck while the country is in a political and economic crisis arising from the August 1983 assassination of Benigno Aquino, Marcos' chief rival. The murder led to a flight of capital from the country and calls for Marcos to resign.

Marcos will preside at a Cabinet meeting today to gauge the destruction and draw up measures to aid the victims in the central and southern regions.

He spoke as government workers, private volunteers and military personnel stepped up rescue efforts in ravaged provinces.

The government-owned Philippine News Agency quoted Constantino Navarro Jr., mayor of Surigao City, as saying the death toll in Surigao del Norte province "could reach 3,000," including 1,000 dead in his provincial capital. The agency did not say what Navarro based his figures on. Surigao City is 450 miles southeast of Manila.

The mayor said city morgues ran out of coffins and embalming fluid and bodies were buried immediately to prevent epidemics.

Reports compiled from relief agencies, including the Red Cross, the Social Welfare Ministry and the Office of Civil Defense put the toll in the province, on southern Mindanao island, at 305.

Other deaths recorded on Mindanao were 29 in Agudao del Norte province and six in Misamis Oriental province, the agencies said.

The other deaths mostly occurred on the islands of Negros, Cebu, Leyte and Bohol, with scattered deaths also in Camiguin and in the Aklan area of Panay island, all in the central Visayas region, the agencies said.

The typhoon toll was the highest since one in 1972 killed 555 people in the main Philippine island of Luzon.

Nearly half the 290,000 homeless were in Cebu island, which was plunged into darkness and where only one of 21 radio stations was on the air Tuesday. Cebu city is 350 miles southeast of Manila.

The president's wife, Imelda Marcos, flew to the disaster area, and personally handed out relief goods to victims Tuesday.

In Surigao City, about 70 percent of the mostly wooden houses lay crumpled. Roofs were missing from many of those still standing.

Provincial Gov. Rolando Goitina told Mrs. Marcos 70 percent of the houses in Surigao del Norte were destroyed and only 10 percent were unscathed.

The Foreign Ministry said the World Assistance Corps and the United Nations Disaster Relief Office, both based in Geneva, Switzerland, offered help.

Philippines air force cargo planes flew relief supplies to the south.

Study examines ethics of embryological experiments

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SYDNEY, Australia — A recommendation this week that two frozen embryos be destroyed was just a small part of a study intended to help society deal with the legal and moral problems posed by creation of life in a laboratory.

The report paves the way for what officials say will be the first uniform set of laws on test-tube children.

On Monday, officials announced that a committee of scholars had recommended the destruction of two frozen embryos left in limbo at Queen Victoria Medical Center in Melbourne by the death of a wealthy Los Angeles couple who had been trying to have a test-tube baby.

But the study, two years in preparation, goes beyond that issue, and suggests ways for society to catch up with science's ability to create and alter life.

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"We were trying to get a balance of scientific information... social and psychological research and the broader views of the community itself," the committee spokeswoman, Eva Learner, told The Associated Press on yesterday.

In vitro fertilization involves removing eggs from a woman, fertilizing them in a laboratory and implanting them in the womb. Scientists can also implant a donated embryo or egg in a sterile woman.

The committee, headed by legal expert Professor Louis Walter, came out in favor of in vitro fertilization and freezing and storing embryos. Researchers say freezing means several eggs can be removed from a woman to be fertilized and some saved for later attempts if the first effort at impregnation fails.

But the committee said frozen embryos should not just be left in storage — they should be accorded the respect of being allowed to cease," Learner said.

Spare frozen embryos could be donated to another couple, but only with parental consent, she said.

The committee also decided experimentation should be allowed on embryos up to 14 days old.

"There's no sensory development up to that point," Learner said.

But embryos should not be produced solely for experimentation and only surplus embryos could be used, with parental consent.

Surrogate motherhood for pay should be outlawed, the committee decided. "It's too complicated legally and we don't believe the principle of buying and selling children should be condoned," Ms. Learner said.

On legal questions, the committee recommended all "test-tube" children be treated as if they were the natural offspring of the "social parents" — the couple who had arranged for the birth even if donated sperm and eggs were used.

Australian judges and legal experts had warned for years that many existing laws had been outdated by in vitro fertilization. A basic question, they said, was if embryos conceived outside the womb were a form of property with no rights, as existing law suggests.

Learner said the guidelines would, above all, ensure the legality and rights of "test-tube" children. "We're really legitimating them," she said.

The committee held public meetings, met dozens of interested people and studied a vast amount of scientific and technical literature, Learner said. "We gauged a level of general acceptability..." she said. "We accept the report is not going to please everybody."

Kennan said there would be three months of public debate on the recommendations. But he said the proposed guidelines would be the foundation of new laws to be enacted by the Victoria state legislature and would resolve many issues.

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